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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/031,409
Confirmation Number	2146
Filing Date	January 18, 2002
First Named Inventor	Susumu MARUO
Group Art Unit	1615
Examiner Name	Humera N. Sheikh
Matter Number	Q68143
Title	OINTMENT APPLICATOR AND OINTMENT PATCH USING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
 - v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

Checks for the RCE statutory fee of \$770.00 and for a Two-Month Extension of Time of \$420.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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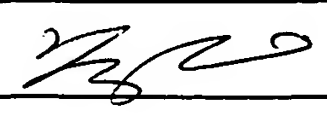
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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated March 16, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed January 8, 2004. A Petition and payment for a two-month extension of time are attached, making this Amendment due on or before May 8, 2004. A Request for Continued Examination is filed herewith concurrently.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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